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In re Application of :  
Peter A. Balkus et al :  
Application No. 09/539,749 :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition filed, October 19, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

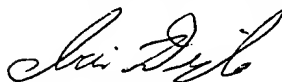
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed February 10, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on May 11, 2006.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) filed on October 19, 2006.

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This matters is being referred to Technology Center AU 2178 for further processing.

  
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